

**“Whoever you are...wherever you are on life’s journey,
you are welcome here.”
God is Still Speaking**

THE REFORMED CHURCH OF THE

Ascension

**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



An Open and Affirming Congregation

May 16, 2021

11:00 AM



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Ascension Sunday

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“Delight in the Law of the Lord” (Gurr)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

RECEIVING THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation.

People: **In the wisdom of the spirit, let us worship God.**
adapted from Ephesians 1:15-17

GATHERING HYMN

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” *Glory to God 662*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you called us to be in the world but not of it, to live our life here knowing we are grounded in another truer reality, rooted in the spiritual world of our beginning, established in it forever through our faith and our allegiance to Christ Jesus. But we so easily lose our focus and our path, so easily fall prey to the influences that would undermine and destroy our sense of ourselves as your beloved children, ones who have been given all power through Christ. We confess that in many ways we become captives rather than conquerors. We confess that we accommodate and adjust until we are in danger of forgetting who we are and why we are here. Come to us in our captivity and set us free.

silent prayer of confession

KYRIE

Leader: Lord have mercy.

People: Lord have mercy.

Leader: Christ have mercy.

People: Christ have mercy.

Leader: Lord have mercy.

People: Christ have mercy.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

PASSING THE PEACE

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading Acts 1:1-11
 Psalm 47
Second Reading Ephesians 1:15-23

Gospel Lesson Luke 24:44-53
 Leader: Holy Wisdom
 People: Holy Word

THE SERMON

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

THE OFFERING OF OUR TITHES & OURSELVES

We want to take this opportunity to thank all those who have mailed in their offerings to the church. The ministry of Ascension Church continues, we need your support. Although we cannot gather in the building right now, we still have our expenses to pay and our outreach continues.

So, please continue to **mail** in your offerings, or you may also opt to contribute **online** through our new **PayPal** account that you can access on our website at ascensionucc.org and go to the Donate page.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Baptizing God, by the power of your divine Spirit move upon the face of the earth to bring peace where there is war, healing where there is pain, freedom where there is oppression, sufficiency where there is want. Move upon us, the church, that spirit-filled and spirit-empowered we may be effective as agents of your purpose. To this end we offer these gifts and ourselves. Amen.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“At the Font We Start Our Journey”

The New Century Hymnal 308

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“The Lord’s Prosperity” (T.J. Pierce)

May Birthdays

5/16-5/22/2021

Mimi Desouza (19); Cory Fryer (22)

May Anniversaries

5/16-5/22/2021

Dan & Eileen Weckerly

Questions for Reflection

The Ascension of Christ to be seated at the right hand of God is a grand liturgical celebration in the life of the church. It marks forty days of celebrating Easter and God's triumph over the powers of oppression, depression, and our fear of death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is one of many images we have for Christ: good shepherd, suffering servant, great physician. How does the image of the ascended Christ affect your understanding of who he is? What are the strengths and weaknesses in this image of Christ for you?

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy One, come into my heart this morning and give me eyes to see throughout this day all the ways that you rule. Put your resurrecting power to work in my life and empower me to be a witness to Christ, that my life may be a song of thanksgiving to you. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God, embrace me now at the end of this day. As in every day, there have been ups and downs, joys and disappointments. I thank you for my faith that, above it all, you rule. I put my trust in you as I give this day, now spent, to you. Do with it what you will and send your Holy Spirit to pull forward threads from today that you will spin into good things tomorrow. I pray through Jesus Christ, who reigns with you, now and forever. Amen.

Clap your hands, all
you nations; shout to
God with cries of joy.

Psalm 47:1



We welcome you to our Community of Faith. We pray that God will speak to you during this worship experience. If you have need of pastoral assistance, we encourage you to contact Pastor Dwayne at the church office number listed below or make an appointment with him today.

We welcome children in worship at all times. If you would prefer, childcare is available. Please see one of our ushers. Children's bulletins and crayons are available from the ushers.

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| Pastor | The Rev. Dwayne A. Mosier |
| Minister of Music | Dan Weckerly |
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| Vice President of the Consistory | Michele Luke |
| Secretary of the Consistory | Molly Lorenz |
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Molly Lorenz, Barbara Montague-Graham |
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